

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants attach hereto a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. 6,840,239, U.S. 6,881,398, and 6,892,727. Although Applicants disagree with the double patenting rejections, they are now moot. *Quad Env'tl. Technologies Corp. v. Union Sanitary Dist.*, 946 F.2d 870, 874, 20 USPQ2d 1392, 1394-95 (Fed. Cir. 1991). Applicants further note that the subject matter of U.S. 6,840,239, U.S. 6,881,398, and 6,892,727 and the claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Accordingly, and in view of the attached Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants submit that this case is now in condition for allowance, and early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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